

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the reasons that follow.

Applicants thank Examiner Bowers for indicating in the Office Action mailed October 4, 2006 that claims 7 and 26-30 are allowed and that claim 39 would be allowed if placed into independent form including all limitations of its parent claim. Applicants believe that all claims are allowable, as discussed in their response of January 4, 2007. However, the Advisory Action mailed January 24, 2007 states that the January 4th response did not place the application in condition for allowance.

For the sake of expediting prosecution, Applicants have amended the claims to recite only the subject matter deemed allowable. More specifically, Applicants have canceled claim 1 and amended claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10 to depend from allowed claim 7 rather than canceled claim 1. In addition, Applicants have amended claim 33 to include the subject matter of claim 39 and have canceled claim 39. Finally, Applicants have canceled claim 40. Thus, Applicants believe that all claims should be considered allowable upon entry of this amendment. Because this amendment places the application in better condition for appeal by canceling the rejected claims, Applicants respectfully request entry thereof.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 2-14, 26-30, and 33-38, 41-45 are pending. Claims 15-25, 31, and 32 were previously canceled.

CONCLUSION

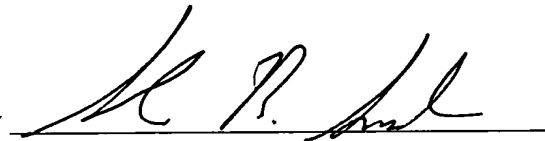
Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Examiner Bowers is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

By



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